



27th Annual Pediatric Ethics Conference

**The Edges of Pediatric Ethics: Boundaries, Frontiers,
and Transitions**

April 30- May 1, 2026

Anschutz Health Science Building
Donald M. Elliman Conference Center
1890 N Revere Ct, Aurora, CO 80045

In-person attendance only; breakfast and lunch included.

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Overview

This year's ethics conference examines ethical challenges at key points of change in pediatric care. The first day focuses on transitions across the pediatric continuum, including neonatal transitions into pediatrics and adolescent transitions out of pediatric systems, with attention to continuity, equity, and shared decision-making. The second day explores the ethical impact of new and emerging technologies on children and pediatric medicine, addressing how innovation shapes care delivery, data use, and clinical decision-making. Together, the conference provides a focused forum for navigating ethical practice during periods of transition and technological advancement in pediatrics.

Objectives

Following the presentations, attendees should be able to:

- Discuss supportive decision making in medically complex adults
- Apply ethical principles to guide decision-making for patients with prolonged hospitalizations.
- Implement best practices for ethical and confidential communication with patients via EMR messaging.
- Integrate ethical and clinical considerations to optimize care for medically complex adult patients.
- Discuss the ethical implications of designing and developing custom VR experiences for pediatric use cases.
- Evaluate adolescent capacity and consent to ensure ethical and legally compliant care decisions.
- Apply ethical frameworks to guide care decisions for fetuses and neonates with complex medical conditions.
- Analyze ethical considerations in pediatric genetic testing to inform disclosure and treatment decisions.

Learner Outcome

Participants will gain enhanced knowledge and practical strategies to navigate complex ethical challenges in pediatric healthcare, including sustainability, behavioral health, trauma-informed care, and the intersections of ethics, policy, and law, enabling them to improve decision-making and advocacy in their professional practice.

Continuing Education Credit

Registration, attendance, sign-in and submission of the evaluation, including a written response to questions related to any change in practice that you may make as a result of learning that took place at this activity, are required for successful completion and receipt of the certificate of attendance. Claim only those hours you attend.

Medical: Children's Hospital Colorado is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Children's Hospital Colorado designates this live activity for a maximum of 12 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Other: A general certificate of attendance will be given to all other care providers.

Agenda

Thursday, April 30, 2026

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| 7:30 a.m. | Sign-In and Breakfast Provided |
| 8:00 | Welcome and Conference Overview |
| 8:15 | Ethical Considerations for the Care of Extended Stay Patients <i>Kaley Curtis, PhD, Lauren Gallanis, PhD, Mel Hauck, LCSW, Amanda Short, MS</i> |
| 8:45 | Panel for Ethical Considerations for the Care of Extended Stay Patients <i>Kaley Curtis, PhD, Lauren Gallanis, PhD, Mel Hauck, LCSW, Amanda Short, MS</i> |
| 9:30 | Break |
| 10:00 | Patient EMR Messaging Ethics <i>Amy Willis, MD</i> |
| 10:45 | Speaker and Title Forthcoming |
| 11:30 | Q&A for Speakers |
| 11:45 | Lunch Provided |
| 12:45 p.m. | Medically Complex Adult Patients <i>Dan Wood PhD MB.BS FRCS Urol</i> |
| 1:30 | Adolescent Consent <i>Amy Sass, MD</i> |
| 2:15 | Break |
| 2:45 | Medically Complex Fetuses and Neonates <i>Heather Straub, MD FACOG</i> |
| 3:30 | Q&A for speakers |
| 4:00 | Evaluation & Adjourn |

Friday, May 1, 2026

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| 7:30 a.m. | Sign-In and Breakfast Provided |
| 8:00 | Welcome and Conference Overview |
| 8:15 | Session Title Forthcoming <i>Megan Moreno, MD, MSEd, MPH</i> |
| 9:00 | Ethics of Pediatric Genetic Testing, Disclosure, and Treatment <i>Curtis Coughlin II, PhD, MS, MBE</i> |
| 9:45 | Break |
| 10:15 | Use of Gaming and Technology in Healthcare <i>Abraham Homer, MS</i> |
| 11:00 | Q&A for speakers |
| 11:30 | Lunch Provided |
| 12:30 p.m. | Pediatric Grand Rounds: Children and Technology <i>Megan A Moreno, MD, MSEd, MPH</i> |
| 1:30 | Break |
| 1:45 | Resiliency Activity |
| 2:45 | School Technology Panel |
| 3:45 | Evaluation & Adjourn |



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